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Five months after construction, only public toilet in the area yet to be opened by BBMP in Kudlu ward of south Bengaluru

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Civic body keeps pushing deadline, residents complain

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Back in August, BM had reported how residents of Kudlu ward in south Bengaluru were being inconvenienced as the opening of the newly-built public toilet was being endlessly postponed — apparently, authorities were waiting for a politician's time to inaugurate the facility back then.

Guess what now? The residents of the ward are still waiting for their lone public toilet. The facility was built by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) almost five months ago at a cost of Rs 16 lakh.

Residents of the ward BM spoke to said officials have been citing random excuses and postponing the issue.

"After the toilet was constructed, BBMP officials informed us that the facility would be open to the public only after its inauguration by the local politician. This never happened; after further coaxing, we were told that the toilet will be thrown open after the Ganesha festival. The date was then shifted to Durga Pooja and Diwali subsequently. All the festivals have passed and

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"There is no clarity on who will be maintaining the facility and source of water supply..." – Ramesh*, resident

Track Changes

194 individuals died at Bengaluru's railway stations this year; 62 were accidental deaths

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The number of accidental deaths in Bengaluru railway limits saw a two-fold increase as compared to the previous two years, data has revealed.

According to data provided by Bengaluru railway police, a total of 194 individuals died at Bengaluru's railway stations in 2022, of which 62 cases were accidental deaths. Out of the 62 cases, 57 were males and five were females. Though most of the victims were traced, around 20 cases were non-traceable.

In 2021 and 2020, accidental deaths reported in Bengaluru stations were 33 and 30, respectively. This year, the data showed an increase of 87.8% in accidental deaths.

Dr Soumyalatha, SP, railways, told BM that the maximum cases of accidental deaths were related to heart attacks in elderly on platforms.

"From the time I have taken charge, there have been a lot of cases where elderly suffered heart attacks on railway platforms. In the course of five days, there were three deaths already due to heart attack; there are some cases of trespassing but very rare," she said.

She added that suicides at railway stations are a major factor for the increase in total deaths recorded. "There are a lot of

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Sweat Fest

'Sisters In Sweat', a community exclusively for women, by women, stitched together by sport and wellness, is hosting 'Sweat Fest', an event to bring women together through movement while keeping it fun and accessible. Sisters in Sweat has sought to be inclusive of all regardless of athletic ability, age, socio-economic status, etc. Sweat Fest will bring 3 different workout formats: Yoga, Piloxing and dance. The event offers a fun-filled Sunday morning with food, music and brands selling goodies at the wellness market. **Where: Smartworks Sargod, Ashok Nagar**
When: Nov 27, 7:30 am - 12 pm

02 Laugh riot

Kathputliyan Theatre is presenting "Pyaari Padosan" written by the famous Marathi playwright, Suresh Khare, and directed by Zafer Mohiuddin. Pyaari Padosan is a Hindi slapstick comedy play that deals with the relationship between a husband, wife, and new neighbour. The misunderstanding and confusion between these characters lead to hilarious situations that are bound to keep the audience on a laugh riot.
Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
When: Nov 27, 3.30 pm & 7.30 pm
Tickets: bookmyshow.com & at the venue

03 Checkmate, peeps!

Bangalore Chess Club is an open chess community to join and be a part of! Come, play on the board chess with everyone, banter, trash talk and have fun! Bring your chess sets along.
Where: Lahe Lahe
When: Nov 27, 10am-1pm
Tickets: 9886294444

Scientists keep an eye on new variant

BA.2.75 Omicron sub-variant overtaken by XBB variant of the virus

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The BA.2.75 Omicron sub-variant has now been overtaken by the highly immune-evasive XBB variant in the country though no severe infections have been reported so far.

According to the latest INSACOG report, "In the current phase of the pandemic, the SARS-CoV-2 virus is continuously accumulating mutations, some of which might contribute to increased transmissibility and immune evasion resulting in transmission advantage over other variants. XBB, a BJ.1/BM.1.1.1 recombinant lineage with breakpoint in the spike protein, is presently appearing in multiple countries. This recombinant lineage was first detected in Singapore and US and has also been identified in multiple states in India. A sub-lineage of XBB with an additional mutation is also detected (XBB.1)."

The report added that there has been no report of increase in severity of disease or increase in hospitalisation associated with these variants. In Indian patients, 'the disease is mild-like with other Omicron sub-lineages and no increase in severity is noted', it said.

As covid infections continue to be at an all-time low -- from 11 per cent test positivity rate (TPR), it is now around 3.15 per cent -- health experts point out that the infection rate should no longer be considered as a measure for the spread of Covid and instead it should be hospitalisation.

Currently, only two patients are being treated for Covid in the general ward in Bengaluru and for more than a month, the city has not reported any Covid deaths.

Currently, the number of Covid cases is less than 100. Even wards like Bellandur which used to report a high number of Covid cases have seen a significant reduction in Covid case numbers. Currently, Bellandur reports less than two cases a day while other wards like HSR Layout, Horamavu, Jayanagar east, Hoodi, New Thippasandra are reporting a single case a day.

While covid cases may be very low in number, masks will help in keeping infections at bay (file)

Experts say patients suffering from respiratory issues must start taking precautions during this season

Respiratory issues

As winter approaches, city doctors are ringing alarm bells for patients with respiratory issues. Experts say that patients suffering from respiratory issues, especially those suffering from asthma must start taking precautions. According to the Global Burden of Disease (GBD), the total burden of asthma in India is 34.3 million, accounting for 13.09 per cent of the global burden. According to Dr Jagadish Hiremath, Chairman at AASRA Hospitals, breathing cold and dry air during winter season could cause flare-ups as it causes irritation to airways and increases the production of phlegm making asthma worse. In addition to it, is the rising air pollution which is also a major trigger for air pollution.

Helping students navigate post-covid world

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At the Times NIE Principals meet held in Bengaluru on Tuesday, the spotlight was on inculcating social skills in students in a post-covid world.

Social interactions help reduce stress levels and lead to a healthy society, said Dr Sudarshan Ballal, Chairman of Manipal Hospitals, while addressing over 200 principals at the event.

Speaking on the topic 'A sound mind and health is the key to a healthy school environment', he pointed out that the past two years have been harrowing for everyone. Principals, as mentors of the future and the important pillars of society, have to ensure the well-being of students.

Lifestyle issues have become the bane of society today. Dopamine addiction is on the rise. While dopamine is important for motivation it can also lead to addiction. So, it is important to draw the line between indulging in pleasurable activities and overdoing it, he said, adding that it is important for schools to build a robust support system. Schools must have open conversations without judgements.

At the event, a rapt audience listens to panellists Dr S Ballal and classical musician Kavita Krishnamurthy

Earlier, special guest Kavita Krishnamurthy spoke about how music not only teaches patience and builds focus, but is a great stress reliever.

Founder and CEO of Gyan Pro Supreet Kittenkere spoke about the immense impact principals have on the children.

CEO of C for Commerce N Muralidharan spoke about the uniqueness of setting up finance labs that ensure immersive learning while Associate Director, Outreach and Admissions and Career Services at Vidyashilp University Shyam Kumar, also addressed the gathering.

'9th accident on BU campus since October'

After latest mishap, students urge process of restoring speed breakers be expedited

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The concern for road safety has been rising in Bangalore University ever since a student was run over by a BMTC bus on the campus on October 10 leading to protests on the campus.

Recently, another accident took place on the campus when two four-wheelers rammed into each other, causing severe vehicle damage and minor injuries to one passenger. Students are again raising concerns over the insufficient road safety measures at the campus.

Lokesh Ram, vice-president of the BU Postgraduate and Research Scholars' Association, said, "This is the ninth accident on campus since the accident in October. The problem is that there are not sufficient speed breakers on this stretch."

The speed bumps on the campus were removed for the Prime Minister's visit back in June. The students alleged that the frequency of road accidents have increased after the removal and they have been demanding the civic authorities that the speed breakers be restored.

At the meeting that took place between Traffic Police, Vice Chancellor of the university and other stakeholders, it was decided that necessary steps will be taken to make the campus safer for students and commuters alike. These measures included rumbling strips at every speed breaker, reinstallation of all the speed humps in their original place, improvement of illumination on campus, and others.

"The street lights have been installed and the rumbling strips have also been provided at the pre-existing speed humps but new humps are yet to be installed. That is one of the major reasons behind the accidents. The BBMP should make sure that the humps are restored in a scientific manner with the help of traffic police," Lokesh added.

BBMP Chief Engineer BS Prahlad said that reinstallation of speed bumps will begin immediately now that the rains have subsided. The traffic police say that all the measures are being taken since the meeting to make sure that the campus is safe. "BBMP as well as the university's engineering cell is making sure that the humps get restored and other necessary steps are taken. We cannot have a common reason for each accident when there are 15-20 accidents across the city daily," said Kuldeep Kumar R Jain, Deputy Commissioner of Police (West). "However, speed limit of vehicles is being monitored on campus as was discussed in the meeting," he added.

The students have also demanded an alternate road for public vehicles, however, no decision has been taken in that matter yet.

> **"The speed limit of the passing vehicles is being monitored at the campus as was discussed in the meeting, and speed humps will also be restored**

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At BU, safer campus promised
... by civic authorities; speed bumps, proper lighting to be in place in less than one month

File photo dated October 12 of a protest by students on BU campus after a student was run over by a bus; BM's report on October 13 about promise of safer campus by authorities (inset)

Man kills friend, surrenders with body, murder weapon

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A man arrived at the police station with the body of his friend after killing him. On Monday night, a person landed up at the Ramamurthy Nagar Police Station, carrying a body in the car. Now the police have registered a case against the accused and arrested him.

The accused has been identified as Rajsekhar. He used to live in Jayanti Nagar where he met Mahesh and the two became good friends. "Mahesh had borrowed money from Rajasekhar. When Rajsekhar asked him to return it, Mahesh refused. An angry Rajasekhara attacked Mahesh with a rod. After the attack, Rajasekhara kept the injured man in the car till morning.

When he woke up, he found out that Mahesh was dead," said the police. On Monday he drove the car to the police station, with the body and the rod and surrendered before the police.

Illegal rly ticket sale

The Railway Protection Force (RPF) Crime wing has arrested a man for illegal supply of railway tickets. The operation was led by KM Shekar, ASI.

The accused was found indulging in illegal procuring and supplying of railway tickets. The police seized seven live e-tickets worth Rs 18,203 and 18 journey-completed tickets worth Rs 61,677.

Cannabis seized

Two persons who were trying to sell marijuana were caught within the Kamakshipalya police station limits. Over 4 kg of marijuana has been seized from them, said the police.

Puppies' deaths sparks animal cruelty fear

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In what is believed to be a gruesome case of animal cruelty, two puppies were found dead and one grievously injured near a group of housing societies in Bellandur on Sunday morning.

Following citizens' complaints, Bellandur police have filed a case under provisions of the Animal Cruelty Act. As per the FIR copy, the case has been booked under section 11 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. Residents of one of the societies in the area informed the police about the incident and the injured puppy was taken to a private veterinary hospital.

"We are a group of multiple residential complexes located near Ambalipura Lake in Bellandur. We found the bodies of the puppies and the injured puppy on Sunday morning while out on our morning walk," Soubir Bose, a resident of Trinity Acres and Woods, one of the apartment complexes in the area. He added, "The injured puppy was slashed up to her spine."

The bodies of two pups were scattered around a waterbody in the area, the third had an injury caused by what is suspected to be a sharp device. "She was cut through the leg bone all the way to the spine. We immediately took the puppy to a private veterinary hospital. But, she succumbed to her injuries later that day," he said.

While no suspect has been identified so far, locals alleged that those living in one of the other housing societies in the area have been complaining about these animals inside their complex. The residents first reached out to the BBMP to relocate the dog. When the civic body refused to do so, they allegedly asked the facility management to take care of the situation. Locals say the two puppies seemed to have died of a beating. Police are currently speaking to residents to get more information.

Activist demand stricter action against offenders in animal cruelty cases

Activists call for action

Animal welfare workers in the city have again called for stringent enforcement of the animal protection law. "Only those who care enough for their community animals file a case and take the trouble of trying to ensure that justice prevails. The process to conduct a post-mortem in case of an animal's death is too cumbersome," said Manjari Chaitanya, a city-based animal welfare worker.

"The post-mortem is conducted only if the rescuer has spotted the incident, lodged an FIR and reached the hospital before 4 pm," she said.

Activists demanded a joint task force by agencies such as the Karnataka Animal Welfare Board (KAWB), the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), the animal husbandry department of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and the police to ensure justice for the voiceless. According to Priya Chetty Rajagopal, founder of CJ Memorial Trust, every animal-related case gets into a spiral as the police do not want to handle it. "It is high time that agencies such as KAWB, SPCA, police and BBMP start coordinating to ensure that the offenders are penalised," she said.

Loose control: Riders risk lives daily on Sarjapur Road

Two-wheelers prone to skidding due to mud, gravel and deposits on edges of road

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The overbridge near Decathlon on Sarjapur Road is in a bad shape. Commuters struggling to get across safely as there is loose gravel all over the surface of the road. They say the poor condition of the bridge poses significant risks, especially to two-wheeler riders.

"I am a regular commuter and I have noticed that this overbridge has been like this for months. It is quite a busy road, and a lot of people use this route for commuting. Hence, it should be fixed as soon as possible to avoid any accident," said Raghav Gupta, a commuter.

Another commuter, Aravind K, told Bangalore Mirror that the surface of the overbridge is riddled with potholes which make commuting for two-wheelers risky.

"On the edges of the road, silt is present which again may lead to the skidding of two-wheelers. The authorities should take the safety of the commuters into consideration and remove the silt and sand. They should fill the potholes without further delay," he said.

The commuters mention that one should follow extreme caution while using this road.

"It's very dangerous to commute on this road. There have been times when my bike has skidded on it despite going slow," said Shivam Kumar, a resident of the area.

The commuters also mention that during rain, this overbridge becomes even more menacing. According to Susruth M, another commuter, the overbridge becomes unmotorable whenever it rains. The rainwater brings out all the silt and sand present on the road which makes it very slippery.

Silt, gravel and mud on the edges of the overbridge on Sarjapur Road

"I have made several complaints to the officials but they did not do anything. I also know other people who have even gone to the BBMP office
–Amit Kumar, commuter

"The potholes also get filled with water making it very difficult to spot them," he said.

The commuters have said that they tried complaining to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities several times. Still, they did not make any effort to mend the road.

"I have made several complaints to the officials but even after that they did not do anything. I also know other people who have made complaints, some even went to the BBMP offices with this issue. Despite all that, nothing was done, and the condition of the road remains the same as always," said Amit Kumar, another commuter.

A BBMP official told BM that they will look into the complaints and try to start the work soon.

Footpath is clear, traffic kiosk is gone

Kiosk installed on footpath to shelter traffic police officers regulating traffic lying unused at a different location, citizens ask for it to be reinstated soon

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Finally, the kiosk put up by the traffic police in front of St. Mark's Cathedral on MG Road has been removed. Now, pedestrians can walk on the footpath without any hassle instead of walking on the road.

It may be recalled that the traffic police had installed a kiosk on the footpath in front of the St. Mark's Cathedral and blocked the way on the footpath with concrete bricks preventing pedestrians from walking on it.

Bangalore Mirror had reported on November 20 highlighting the woes of pedestrians due to the blockade on the footpath.

New kiosk lying unsed on the footpath in front of Mahatma Gandhi Park

With the kiosk occupying most of the space on the footpath and concrete bricks blocking the way, pedestrians were compelled to walk on the busy MG Road thus making them vulnerable to road accidents.

Some of the pedestrians have appreciated the traffic police for removing the kiosk from the footpath.

"The removal of the kiosk will send a signal to police stations to keep the footpath free from parking of vehicles. The traffic police have done a good job. I am happy to see no hurdles on this footpath," said Vishwas N, a pedestrian.

Meanwhile, a new kiosk has been lying idle on the footpath in front of Mahatma Gandhi Park. A few pedestrians opine that traffic police must take measures to put the kiosk in use by installing at the right place. Ashok G, another pedestrian, told BM that the installation of the new kiosk will be of great help to traffic police in regulating the traffic at the junction. "It will protect them from the sun and rain," he said.

Emphasising the need to install the new kiosk soon, Naveen Krishna, a motorist, said the kiosk will have amenities for the cops. "It wouldn't be fair if they have to regulate the traffic in the sun and rain," he said.

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What to do if traffic police themselves build kiosks, park vehicles on footpaths, obstruct pedestrians' right of way?
POLICEWORK ON FOOTPATH
Kiosk in front of St Mark's Cathedral on MG Road
BM reported on Nov 20 about the traffic police kiosk on MG Road footpath

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Space invasion
Vasanthnagar

Construction material is lying on 12th Main Road and 1st Cross Road of Vasanthnagar for almost a year now. Half of the road has been occupied by a watchman's shed, toilet and stores that are all part of the construction by an influential builder.

Good job
Kannamangala

Thanks to Bangalore Mirror for reporting on the issue of illegal parking of heavy vehicles on Kannamangala Main Road that was risking the lives of the residents using the road. Immediate action was taken by the officials and heavy vehicles are not being parked on the road.

Taken for granted
Kogilu Cross

Shopkeepers have taken over the footpath near Kogilu Cross in Yelahanka Old Town to place their goods there.

Bus runs over 15-year-old who fell from bike

A 15-year-old girl, Lavayashree, was crushed by a BMTC bus in the city. She was riding pillion from Palya to Battarahalli when the accident happened.

"Her mother was taking her to the school on the bike with her sibling. The bike skidded near the Battarahalli signal and the mother and son fell on the left and Lavyashree fell to the right, and at this time the bus that came from behind ran over the girl," said the police.

Following the incident, the victim was rushed to the hospital, but she could not be saved.

The victim's mother and brother are also injured and are admitted in a local hospital.

A case has been registered in KR Puram police station.

Youth leader dies by suicide

A BJP youth leader has allegedly died by suicide in Doddaballapura. In a death note found by the police, the victim has alleged harassment at the hands of the husband of a municipal councillor.

On November 16, Vinod, is said to have told his wife that he was going out and asked her to take good care of the children. When he did not return home in the evening, his wife called him continuously, but he did not pick up the phone. Later she filed a missing person police complaint. Shepherds who had gone to graze their sheep near Talagavara Lake found a letter along with a slipper on the bank of the lake, said the police.

As soon as the matter came to light, the Doddaballapur Rural police rushed to the spot and called the fire brigade personnel. After an intense search, they found that Vinod had drowned in the lake.

Girl's mother was taking her and her sibling to the school when the bike skidded near Batarahalli signal and they fell from it

After the body was found in the lake, the family members were informed about it. Vinod's family members gathered near the police station saying that the husband of the municipal councillor was responsible for the suicide. "In his suicide note, he has said that he is sorry to do this. He also said that the reason behind his death is the harassment by the husband of the municipal councillor. We are still investigating the matter," said a police official.

BBMP garbage truck claims another victim

A BBMP garbage truck has claimed another life, this time it is of a 35-year-old man from Assam.

The garbage lorry collided with the victim's bike and the rider died on the spot.

The incident took place in Dabaspet Industrial Area of Nelamangala taluk.

The deceased has been identified as Babu Pegu. Garbage from the city was being transported by the BBMP lorries to the MSGP Garbage Plant near Doddaballapur. The truck collided with the bike on the way.

After the accident, the driver fled the spot.

The local police are investigating the matter and looking for the absconding driver. —**Ahna Prakash**

Far away from home: Lost child back in safe hands

7-year-old specially abled girl reunited with parents

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Police suggest when kids are out, it is best to keep guardians' contact details in their pockets or bags

Pavana G, a freelance yoga instructor, was rushing towards the Dasarahalli Metro station when she saw a little girl walking on the road, looking lost. The child approached Pavana with a request and thanks to Pavana's desire to reach out, the little girl has been reunited with her family.

Turns out the seven-year-old specially abled child had lost her way and was unable to relocate her house. She had walked away too far and could barely say her school's name or remember her parents' phone number which made the task quite difficult.

Pavana G told Bangalore Mirror about the incident, "On Tuesday last, I was headed towards the Dasarahalli Metro station when I saw the girl. She asked me if she could take me to a phone booth. I asked her why she wanted a phone booth and whether she wanted to call someone. The girl replied that she wanted to go back to her home which was next to the phone booth and now she was unable to find neither the phone booth nor her home. I asked her if she remembered the school's name or phone number of her parents and she didn't know anything. I immediately dialled the police and the Hoysala arrived in little time."

A cop attached to Bagalagunte police station who was part of the Hoysala 250 squad told Mirror that they set out towards the child after receiving Pavana's call. "The girl didn't remember anything, so it was tough for her to find her way around. It was around 6.30 pm and it was getting dark. As she was a girl child, we requested a woman to accompany us to the nearby Pipeline Road. We were standing on the Pipeline Road asking if anyone knew the whereabouts of the girl and sadly none knew. After around 10 to 20 minutes, one of the walkers identified that the girl could be studying at Government school, near Kalikadevi temple, T Dasarahalli," he said.

The officer added that they wanted to get in touch with someone from the school to trace the missing link. "One of those who passed by said that she knew a teacher and that teacher gave us the phone number of that Government school teacher. The government school teacher who was also nearby came in search of the girl but she knew nothing. Then she took the girl's photo and circulated it among her colleagues and one of the teachers of Class 1 identified the girl. The teacher then came to the spot and identified the girl as Navya. Luckily, the teacher had the phone number of her parents. As her parents were also worried, we then took the girl and handed her over to the parents. The reunion was a memorable one. We took a photograph and left the venue," said the cop.

"Ensure that kids have their ID cards with them. If a child is lost, even parents have to go through tense moments. So, it is better to keep a close eye on the children when they are playing or walking around –A police officer

The police officials said that there are some precautions parents can take to prevent such instances. "Ensure that the school kids have their identity cards around their neck so that it gives an idea for people to identify the school if they go missing. It is advisable to write the phone numbers of parents and place it in the bag and pockets of the children. Even if a child fails to remember the phone number, this would help. If a child is lost, even parents have to go through tense moments. So, it is better to keep a close eye on the children when they are playing or walking around," added a police officer.

M'luru blast: Aide of accused held in city

The police nabbed an offender named Roohullah and handed him over to the Mysuru Police in the most recent development in the Mangaluru auto bombing case.

Rooullah was handed over to the Mangaluru police by the Mysuru Police after a brief interrogation. He is currently in the Mangaluru police's custody.

Roohullah is a delivery executive, and is said to be an associate of the main accused Mohammad Shariq. Shariq was travelling on November 19 in an auto rickshaw when the cooker bomb blast happened.

Roohullah is said to have become friends with suspect Shariq in Mysuru. He was staying at KJ Halli in Bengaluru and had travelled there for work. Roohullah was detained in Bengaluru at the request of the Mysuru police. **BMB**

'Not seen son in 3 yrs': Mother of missing suspect

The mother of Abdul Mateen Taha, a suspect in the Mangaluru blast case, on Tuesday claimed she had not been in touch with her son since he went missing from Bengaluru three years ago.

Claiming that she hadn't seen her son in three years, Taha's mother told ANI, "My son has been missing for the last three years. I don't know where he is. He was studying engineering in Bengaluru. He completed his 3-year engineering course and left after attaining his degree. He worked in a private company in Bengaluru for sometime," she said. She added that her son went missing from Bengaluru and has not been traced. "I have not been in touch with him since he went missing." She added that she wants her son to be punished if she has done any wrong. "If he has done something wrong, let him be punished. My son is 29 years old and my eldest. He has a brother and a sister. He had a lot of love for everyone in the family. I have no clue why he did this. We have not been able to recover from the shock of his disappearance," she said. **ANI**

Crowd of colours

Huge crowd on Tuesday, the last day of Kadlekai Parishe, an annual groundnut fair on Bull Temple Road at Basavanagudi.

Light showers in city

Bengaluru witnessed light rainfall accompanied by cloudy skies and chilly winds on Tuesday morning as a result of the low-pressure area formed over southwest Bay of Bengal.

The India Meteorological Department here said rains are expected in the next 48 hours till the cyclonic system over the Bay of Bengal weakens further.

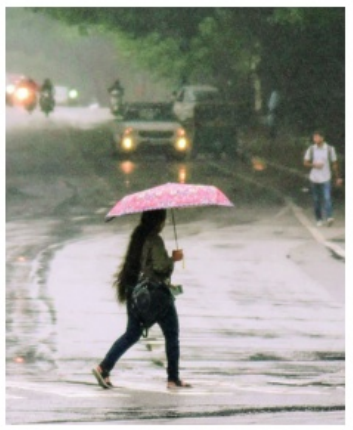
Monday was the coldest day in Bengaluru in the month of November in the last 10 years, IMD officials said.

They said the city recorded 13.9 degrees Celsius in the city whereas in HAL Airport area it was 12.5 degrees.

IMD officials said 10 years ago on November 19, the city had reported 13.3 degree Celsius.

The dip in temperature is attributed to the depression over the Bay of Bengal.

The IMD recorded a minimum temperature of 19.2 degrees and a maximum of 27.2 degrees at 8.30 AM on Tuesday. There was 0.2 mm rainfall during the period.



"In the next 24 hours, there will be rains at isolated places in the state. Tomorrow, I am expecting rainfall to increase in south interior areas of Karnataka in 16 districts, starting from Ballari and Davangere to Chamarajanagar," IMD Bengaluru Director, Geeta Agnihotri told PTI.

According to the official, scattered rains were likely in other parts of the state in the next three days. **PTI**

Job on compassionate grounds: 'No distinction between adopted & biological child'

An adopted child has the same right as a biological one and they cannot be discriminated against while being considered for their parents' job on compassionate grounds, the High Court of Karnataka has held.

The HC said that if such a distinction is made "then there would be no purpose served by adoption."

Rejecting the contention of the Prosecution Department of the Government of Karnataka, the division bench of Justice Suraj Govindaraj and Justice G Basavaraja said, "The distinction made between adopted son and a natural son by respondent 2 and 4 (Prosecution Department and Assistant Public Prosecutor) either on the basis of the existing Rules would not have any impact or role to play in the matter." The Department had cited existing Rules while denying a job on compassionate grounds to an adopted son.

But the Court in its recent judgment said, "a son is a son or a daughter is a daughter, adopted or otherwise; if such a distinction is accepted then there would be no purpose served by adoption. Be that as it may, apparently taking into account that the same would violate Article 14 of the Constitution, the said Rules have been amended so as to do away with the artificial distinction."

Vinayak M Muttatti was a Class-IV employee in the office of Assistant Public Prosecutor, JMFC, Banahatti.

He had adopted a son though an adoption deed in 2011. Muttatti died in March 2018. The same year, his adopted son Girish filed a representation seeking a job on compassionate grounds. The representation was rejected by the Department on the ground that the appellant was an adopted son and the Rules do not provide for consideration of adopted son for compassionate appointment.

Girish approached the HC against this rejection. In 2021, a single-judge bench dismissed his petition as the rules do not provide for an adopted son to be considered for compassionate appointment. Girish then filed an appeal before the division bench. In the meantime in April 2021, the Rules were amended removing the distinction made between a biological son and an adopted son. Before the Division Bench, the counsel for Girish pointed out that the amendment made in 2021 was not brought to the notice of the single judge. The government advocate argued that since the amendment was made in 2021 and Girish had made his plea in 2018, the benefit of the subsequent amendment cannot be provided to him. **PTI**

Waiting for loo in Kudlu

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we are still waiting," a resident told BM.

In the most recent update, the BBMP has now informed the residents that the facility can be used only after the side-walls are raised to check the odour from entering adjacent houses. Residents said there was complete apathy from the part of the BBMP officials concerned on the issue.

"The officials told us that the toilets cannot be used as the neighbouring houses are objecting to it and have demanded that a high wall be raised to keep the odour in check. However, this was more than a month ago; no progress is seen on the ground so far. Moreover, there is no clarity on who will be maintaining the facility and the source of water supply," said Ramesh*, another resident.

According to local residents, in the absence of a public toilet in the area, the Kudlu market stretch turns into a public toilet every evening, causing the entire area to stink.

"There are many markets and multiple factories in the vicinity; streets are filled with people during the evening and morning hours. With so much traffic and no public toilet, people urinating in public is a common sight. This has led to smelly streets and unhygienic conditions prevailing along many stretches in the area. The problem has been brought to the notice of the BBMP nodal officer during the ward committee meetings but to no avail. They have been going on promising to open the facility for public use," rued another resident.

The BMTC bus stop located in Kudlu ward is the last stop for many routes as BM had reported back in August. Even the BMTC drivers and conductors are left with no other choice but to relieve themselves in the open, alongside the road, we were told.

(*name changed)

'68 deaths by suicide at rail stations'

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cases of death by suicide. It is difficult to predict suicides at stations; so there is not much that can be done about it. Obviously, there is a need to create awareness regarding mental health. Also, infrastructural improvement like installing big bright lights on platforms will help to reduce suicides," she added.

This year, 68 suicide cases have been recorded so far. Out of which 66 were male and two were females — the number of suicides on railway stations has gone down slightly in 2022. In 2021, 74 suicide cases were reported in total; the decrease is still not significant.

Officials from the railway police said in most cases the reason behind most of the suicide cases was family feud or depression.

"Suicides mostly happen at night. In a recent case at KSR railway station, a youth was lying on the tracks about a kilometre away from the main platform at midnight. He was not visible to anyone; hence he was not saved. Such cases are very common; after the investigation we have found that people find it easier to commit suicide at railway tracks than at home," said an official of the Bengaluru railway police.

The railway police are trying to create awareness among people regarding safety at railway stations.

"Awareness drives are being held from time to time through print, digital and social media platforms. RPF personnel regularly keep vigil on platforms and in station premises to prevent untoward incidents. There have been numerous instances of our personnel preventing suicides," said Aneesh Hegde, chief public relations officer, South Western Railway.

COMED-K's new courses see a lukewarm response

... as only three courses see full admissions; many seats vacant after final round of counselling

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COMED-K completed its third and final round of counselling on November 14

Out of over 15 new courses introduced this year in the engineering colleges, only three courses were able to attract full admissions in the Consortium of Medical, Engineering and Dental Colleges of Karnataka (COMED-K) counselling this year.

COMED-K wrapped up its third and final round of counselling for the academic session 2022-23 on November 14.

"The admissions in the new courses have been really, really low. It is not worth continuing," said Dr S Kumar, Executive Secretary, COMED-K.

Earlier, the Executive Secretary had told Bangalore Mirror that admissions have been poor in the associated colleges. Out of the 158 engineering colleges that are members of COMED-K, only around 25-30 are able to attract full admissions, and that too with much difficulty, he said.

Now with the admission process all wrapped up, many seats are still vacant for several different courses.

The authorities informed that there are 2,682 seats vacant for the Computer Science & Engineering course, 2,368 for the Electronics and Communication engineering course, 1,198 for the Mechanical Engineering course, 1,145 for Civil Engineering, and 1,090 for Information Science and Engineering.

In total, only 5,278 out of the 11,046 seats for Bachelor of Engineering (BE) courses have been taken up this year. Out of these admissions, 3476 are boys while 1,802 are female students.

"No one wants to take up these new courses. Students usually pick up courses based on what is trending these days. If one student is taking computer science others might do the same. So, the new courses have fewer takers as of now," said Chethan, an engineering aspirant.

However, the students feel that the demand for the newly introduced courses might go up in the coming academic years.

Moreover, there is less scope for these courses in India as of now.

> **"Students usually take up courses based on what is trending so the new courses have fewer takers as of now**
>
> –Chethan, an engineering aspirant

However, it might increase in the future and the demand for new courses might do the same. Not only that, since there will be more vacant seats students are likely to take these courses as it is still engineering and the demand for engineering, in general, is increasing every year, he added.

The new courses that were introduced this academic session included Agricultural Engineering, Automotive Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Ceramic and Cement Technology, Industrial and Production Engineering, Industrial Engineering & Management, Marine Engineering, Petroleum Engineering, Robotics, Smart Agritech, etc including a Civil Engineering course in Kannada.

Out of all the newly introduced courses, only Electronics Engineering (VLSI Design & Technology), Industrial Engineering and Management, and Mechatronic Engineering attracted admissions this academic year.

As per the data by the COMED-K, the courses that had the most admissions this year were Computer Science and Engineering, Information Science and Engineering, Electronics and Communication Engineering, and Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning.

Garden city, seen through flowers

Around 130 artisans from across the country are gathering in Bengaluru from today for a handmade and environment-friendly collective.

The artists are coming together for the 13th edition of A Hundred Hands, an annual handmade craft festival themed around flowers. They have drawn inspiration from everything floral, including rituals, colours, shapes and dyes.

"By introducing a floral theme, we hope we can rekindle memories of the gardens of Bengaluru and contribute to restoring the city to what it once was," said Mala Dhawan, co-founder and trustee of A Hundred Hands.

The diverse group of artists will also include people with disabilities showcasing their talent over the five-day-long festival.

Mohammed Husef, one of the artists from Rajasthan who will be participating in the event, is a fourth-generation Mughal block printer. "The audience in Bengaluru is discerning and I know they will appreciate my block printing. Using traditional motifs to give my work a fresh and new look has been rewarding," said Husef.

There will also be sholapith and crochet artists with floral bouquets, traditional Mughal floral block prints, glassware artists and gemstone carvers with floral designs at the gathering.

The collective will also feature several workshops around the floral theme. "The range will include homeware, clothes, jewellery, shoes, garden products and gifting articles," said Dhawan.

The collective is being held at Woodlands Hotel starting November 23. —BMB

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Hope and affordability for dialysis patients

Facility in Rajajinagar provides dialysis at very nominal rates to BPL families

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For more than nine years, the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Dialysis Centre (PDUDC), situated on 3rd Main, Rajajinagar 2nd Block, has been providing hemodialysis to people from financially constrained families.

The PDUDC was launched on January 2, 2013 by Rotary Bangalore Peenya Trust with support from Rajajinagar MLA S Suresh Kumar.

"I used to undergo dialysis at a private hospital which used to collect Rs 1,400 for each dialysis in 2014. I have been availing dialysis all these years free of cost. The staff are good," said Ramakrishna HP, a retired employee of a private company.

The PDUDC collects Rs 500 per dialysis from the patients and provides free dialysis for patients from below poverty line (BPL) families. "Four patients from BPL families are availing dialysis free of cost," said Chairman DG Badarinath.

Most of these diabetic patients do not want to avail dialysis at the government hospitals. G Kumar, a goldsmith from Shivajinagar, comes all the way to Rajajinagar. "I don't mind paying Rs 500 here instead of having dialysis at the government hospital in Shivajinagar," said Kumar who has been undergoing dialysis for four years.

Expressing a similar opinion, Shashikala M, who has been visiting the facility for three years, said, "My husband works as an autorickshaw driver. We have three daughters. The environment here is clean and hygienic."

The PDUDC needs about Rs 50 lakh per year for consumables. The facility is fumigated on a weekly basis from Saturday afternoon to Sunday morning for 14 hours to ensure the dialysis centre is sanitised.

> **Many choose to undergo treatment at this facility instead of going to a govt hospital**

"Our mission is to be an outstanding example as a service organisation," said Badarinath.

The other specialty of the PDUDC is to facilitate blood for the patients undergoing dialysis free of cost. "Each patient needs two units of blood once in six months. It costs them Rs 2,000 to Rs 3,000 and most of them could not afford to pay such a huge amount. The patients who need blood can visit the Rotary TTK Blood Bank to avail two units each free of cost," he said.

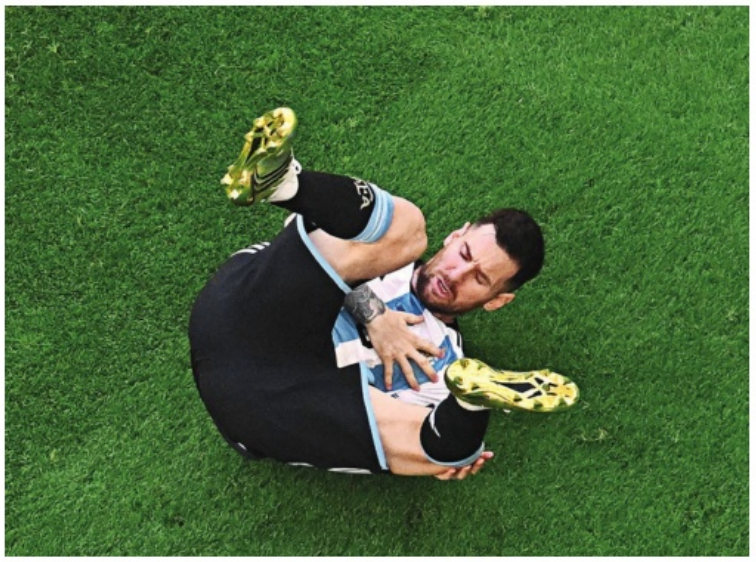
The PDUDC has been facilitating practical training for final-year students of a paramedical college. These students get jobs at private hospitals after completing training, he added.

Saudi Arabia shock Messi and Argentina

Saudi Arabia shell-shocked Lionel Messi's Argentina winning 2-1 in their Group C opening match of the FIFA World Cup at the overflowing and rapturous Lusail Stadium here on a terrific Tuesday for Saudi and Asian soccer.

Lionel Messi put Argentina ahead in the 10th minute as he converted a penalty after Parades' shirt was pulled inside the area. But Saudi Arabia grabbed the equaliser in the Saleh Al-Shehri placed home in the 48th minute. Salem Al-Dawsari put Saudi Arabia in the lead in the 53rd minute. They defended it as if their lives depended on it and came out triumphant as the 2022 World Cup came alive like never before in recent editions.

This shock defeat compares only to the United States of America defeating England 2-1 in the 1950 World Cup in Rio de Janeiro. That was considered to be the biggest upset in World Cup history but Saudi Arabia's feat not only matches but also surpasses that achievement. If only because Argentina are a two-times World champion and have in their ranks none other than Lionel Messi, considered to be the greatest Argentine star after the late Diego Maradona. It also brought Argentina's unbeaten 36-match streak to a crashing halt.



Argentina's forward #10 Lionel Messi reacts after a challenge during the Qatar 2022 World Cup Group C football match between Argentina and Saudi Arabia at the Lusail Stadium in Lusail

Every player in the green Saudi Arabian shirt put his best foot forward all through this gruelling, bruising encounter. But the one who outshone all of them was the all-yellow sporting Saudi goalkeeper Al-Owais. Lionel Messi, Angel di Maria, Alvarez or Lautaro held no terrors as he effected some outstanding saves and denied Argentina a regulation goal. Al-Owais was off his line when the defence was in trouble and rescued them with great presence of mind. He was unbeatable in the air as he sprang up or dived sideways to gather or punch away lobs and shots from far and near.

Argentina were a totally disjointed side with none in midfield to take control and dictate the course and pace of the match. Playing the ball wide and then lobbing it into the box was what they did most often. As Saudi Arabia literally 'parked the bus' inside the penalty area, Argentina were unable to find their way through. The Saudis revelled in the circumstances and launched their own counter-attacks to the delight of their army of supporters. More importantly, they did score twice and eventually hung on for dear life as the stadium exploded once the final whistle was blown.

Argentina now has to contend with the challenge of two tough teams in Poland and Mexico if they are to go through.

For the moment, Lionel Messi will have to remain content with a personal milestone. He became only the fifth player in World Cup history to score at four different World Cup tournaments after having done so in 2006, 2014 and 2018 before this penalty conversion. Only Pele (Brazil), Uwe Seeler and Miroslav Klose (both Germany) and Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal) have done so.

Saudi Arabia was making its sixth FIFA World Cup appearance overall and second in a row, having also featured in Russia 2018. Saudi Arabia lost just one of its 18 matches in a successful qualifying campaign for Qatar 2022 from Asia. **-SS Shreekumar**

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A little birdie told us

Thinking of breaking up with Twitter? Here's the right way to do it

After a few chaotic weeks it's clear Elon Musk is intent on taking Twitter in a direction that's at odds with the prevailing cultures of the diverse users who call it home.

Musk has now begun reinstating high-profile users – including Donald Trump, and Kanye West – who had been removed for repeated violations of community standards.

This comes off the back of a mass exodus of Twitter staff, including thousands that Musk unceremoniously fired via email. The latest wave of resignations came after an ultimatum from Musk: employees would have to face "extremely hardcore" working conditions (to fix the mess Musk created).

All of this points to a very different experience for users, who are now decamping the platform and heading to alternatives like Mastodon.

So what threats are we likely to see now? And how does one go about leaving Twitter safely?

#TwitterShutDown

With so many experienced staff leaving, users face the very real possibility that Twitter will experience significant and widespread outages in the coming weeks.

Enterprise software experts and Twitter insiders have already been raising alarms that with the World Cup under way, the subsequent increase in traffic – and any rise in opportunistic malicious behaviour – may be enough for Twitter to grind to a halt.

Aside from the site going dark, there are also risks user data could be breached in a cyberattack while the usual defences are down. Twitter was exposed in a massive cyberattack in August this year. A hacker was able to extract the personal details, including phone numbers and email addresses, of 5.4 million users.

One would be forgiven for thinking that such scenarios are impossible. However, common lore in the technology community is that the internet is held together by chewing gum and duct tape.

The apps, platforms and systems we interact with every day, particularly those with audiences in the millions or billions, may give the impression of being highly sophisticated. But the truth is we're often riding on the edge of chaos.

Building and maintaining large-scale social software is like building a boat, on the open water, while being attacked by sharks. Keeping such software systems afloat requires designing teams that can work together to bail enough water out, while others reinforce the hull, and some look out for incoming threats.

To stretch the boat metaphor, Musk has just fired the software developers who knew where the nails and hammers are kept, the team tasked with deploying the shark bait, and the lookouts on the masts.

Can his already stretched and imperilled workforce plug the holes fast enough to keep the ship from sinking?

We're likely to find out in the coming weeks. If Twitter does manage to stay afloat, the credit more than likely goes to many of the now ex-staff for building a robust system that a skeleton crew can maintain.

Hate speech and misinformation are back

Despite Twitter's claims that hate speech is being "mitigated", our analysis suggests it's on the rise. And we're not the only researchers observing an uptick in hate speech.

The graph below shows the number of tweets per hour containing hate speech terms over a two-week period. Using a peer-reviewed hate speech lexicon, we tracked the volume of 15 hateful terms and observed a clear increase after Musk's acquisition.

Misinformation is also on the rise. Following Musk's swift changes to blue tick verification, the site tumbled into chaos with a surge of parody accounts and misleading tweets. In response, he issued yet another stream-of-consciousness policy edict to remedy the previous ones.

With reports that the entire Asia-Pacific region has only one working content moderator left, false and misleading content will likely proliferate on Twitter – especially in non-English-speaking countries, which are especially at risk of the harmful effects of unchecked mis- and disinformation.

If this all sounds like a recipe for disaster, and you want out, what should you do?

Pack your bags

First, you may want to download an archive of your Twitter activity. This can be done by clicking through to Settings > Settings and Support > Settings and Privacy > Your Account > Download an archive of your data.

It can take several days for Twitter to compile and send you this archive. And it can be up to several gigabytes, depending on your level of activity.

Lock the door

While waiting for your archive, you can begin to protect your account. If your account was public, now might be a good time to switch it to protected.

In protected mode your tweets will no longer be searchable off the platform. Only your existing followers will see them on the platform.

If you're planning to replace Twitter with another platform, you may wish to signal this in your bio by including a notice and your new username. But before you do this, consider whether you might have problematic followers who will try to follow you across.

Check out

Once you have downloaded your Twitter archive, you can choose to selectively delete any tweets from the platform as you wish. One of our colleagues, Philip Mai, has developed a free tool to help with this step.

It's also important to consider any direct messages (DMs) you have on the platform. These are more cumbersome and problematic to remove, but also likely to be more sensitive.

You will have to remove each DM conversation individually, by clicking to the right of the conversation thread and selecting Delete conversation. Note that this only deletes it from your side. Every other member of a DM thread can still see your historic activity.

Park your account

For many users it's advisable to "park" their account, rather than completely deactivate it. Parking means you clean out most of your data, maintain your username, and will have to log in every few months to keep it alive on the platform. This will prevent other (perhaps malicious) users from taking your deactivated username and impersonating you.

Parking means Twitter will retain some details, including potentially sensitive data such as your phone number and other bio information you've stored. It also means a return to the platform isn't out of the question, should circumstances improve.

If you do decide to deactivate, know that this doesn't mean all your details are necessarily wiped from Twitter's servers. In its terms of service, Twitter notes it may retain some user information after account deactivation. Also, once your account is gone, your old username is up for grabs.

Reinforce the locks

If you haven't already, now is the time to engage two-factor authentication on your Twitter account. You can do this by clicking Settings > Security and account access > Security > Two-factor authentication. This will help protect your account from being hacked.

Additional password protection (found in the same menu above) is also a good idea, as is changing your password to something that is different to any other password you use online.

Once that's done, all that's left is to sit back and pour one out for the bird site.

(By Daniel Angus & Timothy Graham, Queensland University of Technology, The Conversation)

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a single woman aged 31 and my love life and professional life are a complete mess.
I went on a work trip recently and hooked up with this good-looking guy from my company, although I didn't know him before the trip and we don't work together.
The sex was great - he certainly seemed to enjoy it - and he led me to believe that he wanted to keep things going when we got home.
But after the trip he never replied to any of my messages. I then found out he's married and his wife is expecting a baby!
I had no idea and assumed by the way he was behaving on the trip that he was single.
Now, people at work obviously think I'm a sex-crazed homewrecker and I can tell I've lost their respect. The whole thing is a total nightmare. Please help!

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Well, you go into work and hold your head high. You have done nothing wrong – he didn't tell the truth. His marriage is his responsibility, not yours. He's the homewrecker. I think because you're feeling bad, you're perhaps overreacting to what other people might feel about you.

I'm guessing this guy has probably done something like this before, so your colleagues might even feel sorry for you and, even if they don't, they're not going to be thinking about it all the time the way you are.

It's a hard lesson to learn about trusting people, but don't overreact to it. Give him a wide berth and don't let what happened ruin your job or your future relationships. If anyone does say something at work, politely remind them it's not their business, but you wouldn't have gone near him if you'd known he was married with a baby on the way. Of course people are going to feel sorry for his wife because she doesn't know what a twerp he is.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

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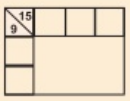
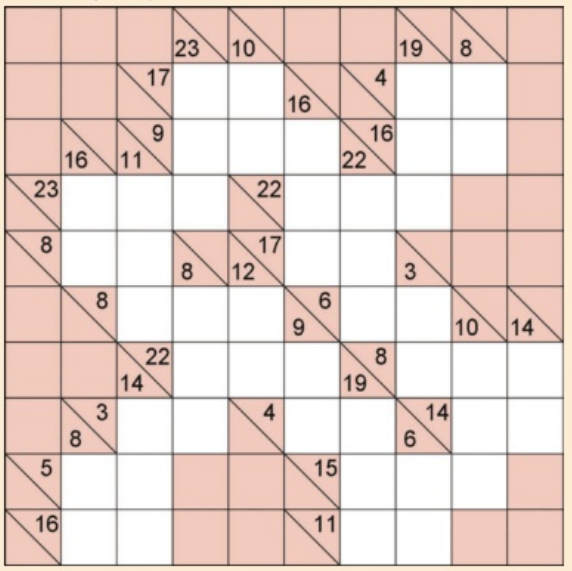
The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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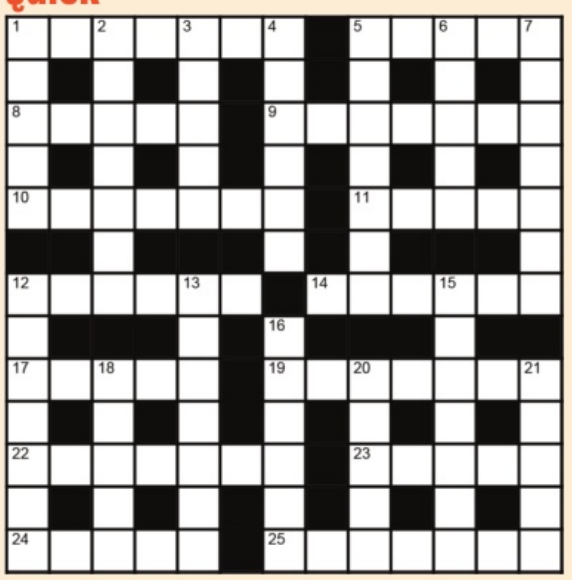


ACROSS

1 Brooks; steady currents (7)
5 Fit with glass (5)
8 Wild dog (5)
9 Goran Ivanisevic's land (7)
10 In name only (7)
11 Large sheds (5)
12 Karnataka Lake home to a bird sanctuary (6)
14 Striped animals (6)
17 Large fruit (5)
19 Restarted (7)
22 Royally, in a manner befitting a king (7)
23 Boredom (5)
24 Five as a prefix? (5)
25 Evolves, deduces or elicits (7)

DOWN

1 Portable chair (5)
2 Changed the title (7)
3 Nut of the oak tree (5)
4 Farmer's tool with curved blade and short handle (6)
5 Farewell (7)
6 Change or amend (5)
7 Passes (7)
12 Jelly-like sweet (7)
13 Plain (informal) (7)
15 Russian royal house (7)
16 Appealed to a higher power (6)
18 Boston's airport (5)
20 Pointed weapon (5)
21 Lets fall in drops (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: C EQUALS T

ZJVOCAVOZ CPO BJGK DOZZ CBGWODOK AZ DOZZ CBGWODOK UJB G BOGZJR.

Linemaro

Can I get your picture to prove to all my friends that angels really do exist?

Mindchow

Change your life today. Don't gamble on the future. Act now

Joke of the day

To err is human, but to blame it on someone else shows managerial potential

Loop

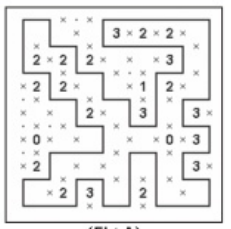
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

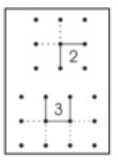
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

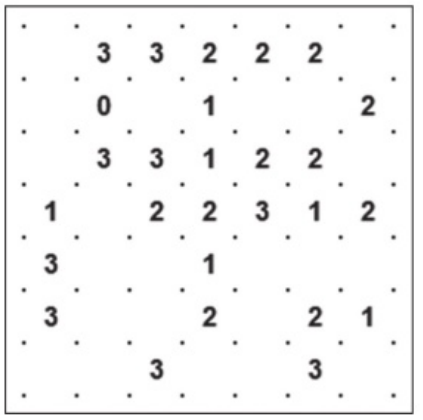
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



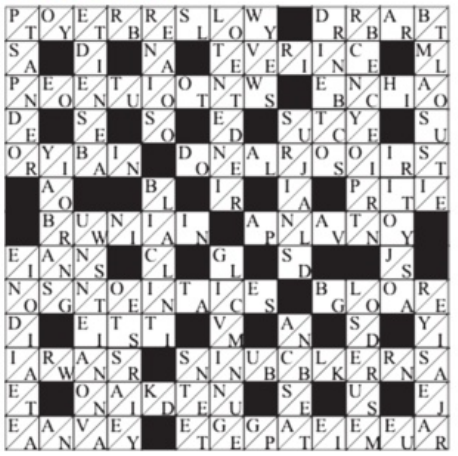
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



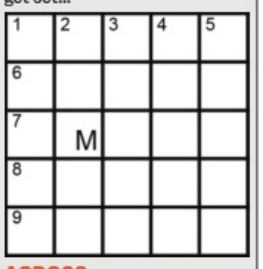
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

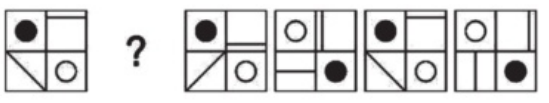
1 Hive C; 6 Proem; 7 I a mum; 8 Gamic; 9 Bolts

DOWN

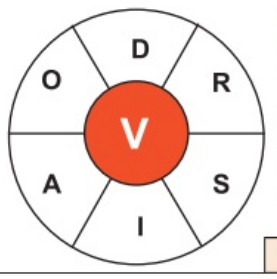
1 Mr Cub; 2 Lam he; 3 Amigo; 4 Vim to; 5 Spice

Mensapuzzle

Draw the missing figure in the above sequence.



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 07 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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			6		9			
9	1			3			6	2
		8	7		1	4		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 9

4 5 9 9

Medium = 1

2 3 5 6

Hard = 10

1 3 4 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

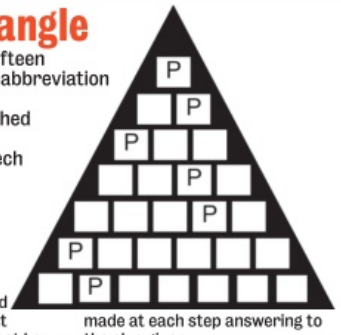
Differences: 1. Paper is longer. 2. Mirror is moved. 3. Man's left arm is not showing. 4. Light is lower. 5. Hood is different. 6. Pants are different.

Riddler

More valued than gold, more precious than silk
Pouring like wine, flowing like milk. A count's
nightly feast, an offering of war, A pact is now
sealed, forever more. What is it?

Alpha triangle

1 Atomic number Fifteen
2 Andhra Pradesh, abbreviation
3 Pod vegetable
4 Stare open-mouthed
5 Source of wine
6 Capital of the Czech Republic
7 Improve, enrich



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

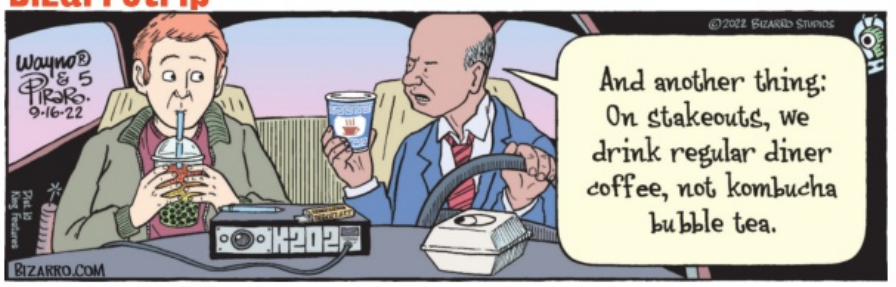
DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

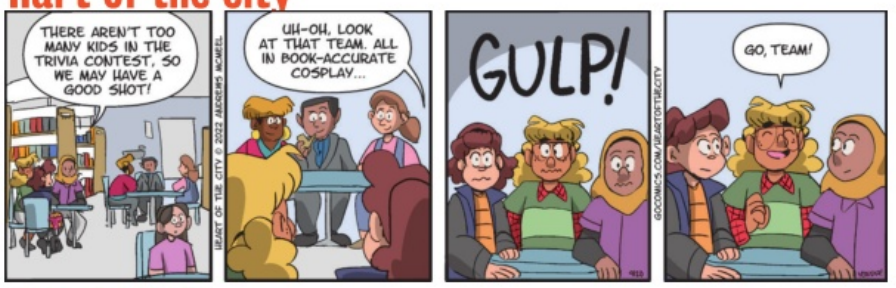
MAWSQUAW WANTED TO KNOW WHAT KEPT ME OUT UNTIL DAWN
THEY SAY "HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY," SO I TOLD HER THE TRUTH
ANYONE ELSE IN YOUR FAMILY AFFLICTED WITH INSANITY?

Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil

Hart of the city


THERE AREN'T TOO MANY KIDS IN THE TRIVIA CONTEST, SO WE MAY HAVE A GOOD SHOT!
UH-OH, LOOK AT THAT TEAM. ALL IN BOOK-ACCURATE COSPLAY...
GULP!
GO, TEAM!

Crankshaft

I THINK THIS THEATER WOULD BE PERFECT!
I DON'T KNOW, MASON...
USUALLY IT'S THE WOMEN WHO ARE MOST INTERESTED AND THE MAN WHO IS HESITANT.
I'VE NEVER HAD IT WORK THIS WAY BEFORE!

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may feel happy. Chronic health issues related to family members cannot be cured. Money which was stuck, may be recovered now, which may increase liquidity in business. People who are in a job may get some incentives which will improve their financial health. Job seekers may get a job with the help of any relative or friend's reference.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you are likely to use your creativity to renovate your house or office. Your focus towards your goals may be good. Overworking may tire your mind, which can create anxiety, restlessness and stress, which may affect your domestic life. Students are advised to avoid fantasy in their studies, they are advised to make a proper timetable for their studies and follow it with the help of willpower.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may be impatient, which may reflect into your way of working. There may be some silly mistakes, which may tend to incomplete your project. Investments in fixed assets are advised to postpone for some days. But with the help of destiny, you may overcome the messy situation. In the evening, you may be focused towards your work.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may hear good news from your sibling. You may spend your time with family and friends. With the help of creativity, you may plan to renovate your house or office. You may start new partnerships with family members, which will be beneficial in the near future. Your subordinates at office may help you in terms of projects.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may be blessed by the moon. You may plan to renovate your office or house. You are advised to spend within the budget, otherwise it may affect your savings. Your straightforwardness may affect your relationship with the loved ones, so suggest you think twice before speaking. You may also have teeth, throat, ear, nose related issues.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may feel happiness and peace of mind. You may work efficiently in your professional life. Your subordinates may cooperate with you to take some important decisions in the business. You may plan to start some new venture with the help of your siblings and network, which may be beneficial in the growth of business. It is advised to take proper rest to maintain your enthusiasm.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may detach from the responsibilities you have been given. You also expend more in purchasing worthless stuff, which may increase negativity in the house or office. You are advised to keep an eye on your opponents and rivals, otherwise you may be a victim of conspiracy. It is advised to read documents carefully before putting your signature.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may enjoy your family and professional life. You may become polite with the people around you, which may help in smooth completion of your work. You may find some new sources of earnings, which may boost your savings. You may also plan to renovate your house or office. Natives who are in job, may get promotions.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may be busy at work, your wisdom may help you to make the right decision in terms of business growth. You are likely to get a big order, which may extend your work. You may utilise your creativity to renovate your home or office, which may improve your social status. You may invest in some creative assets also.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you are blessed by the moon, you may face all the challenges with the help of patience and hence you may enjoy at work. You may plan a short work-related trip where you may get help from your siblings and subordinates, which will enhance your social network. Job seekers are advised to use their network to get a suitable job.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may have some health related issues, lack of sleeplessness will make you arrogant. You are advised to avoid making arguments at work and at home to avoid messy situations. You may also be attracted to the occult. You may find yourself in a self-analysis stage but somehow your good karma may help you to come out from this messy situation.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may plan to renovate your house. You may buy some artefacts or creative stuff, which will improve your social status. You may also invest in properties and other assets. You are likely to enjoy your romantic moments with your spouse, which will increase your emotional relationship with the spouse. Singles may find a soul mate. Love birds may make some important decisions in terms of marriage.

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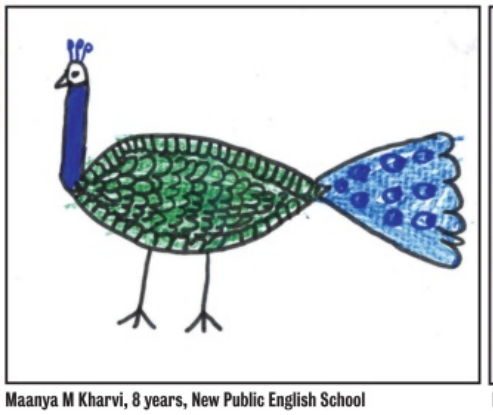

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
25/25=5
=1-5

BULL'S EYE
ADVISOR, avid, avoid, diva, visa, visor, void

STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
The top left-hand corner alternates black dot/white dot; the top right-hand corner alternates horizontal line/vertical line; the bottom left-hand corner line moves diagonal/vertical/diagonal/horizontal/diagonal, and the bottom right-hand corner alternates white dot/black dot

SUDOKU

3	6	8	7	2	1	4	5	9
9	1	4	8	3	5	7	6	2
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7	3	2	4	9	8	6	1	5
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4	9	6	1	8	2	5	3	7
1	5	3	9	7	4	8	2	6
8	2	7	5	6	3	9	4	1

ALPHA TRIANGLE
P, AP, Pea, Gape, Grape, Prague, Upgrade.

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 – 5 – 4 + 9 = 9
Medium
3 – 2 x 6 – 5 = 1
Hard
3 + 3 x 1 + 4 = 10

LOOP

KAKURO

RIDDLER
Blood

QUOTE UNCODE
Sometimes the road less traveled is less traveled for a reason.

FAST FIVE

B	L	O	T	S
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 # Spielberg honoured The Berlin film festival will award Steven Spielberg a lifetime achievement prize in February and show a retrospective of the Oscar-winning director's movies, organisers said on Tuesday

Much ado about a pout

Bhumi Pednekar's latest photos have become a hot topic of discussion.

The actress, who recently attended the Filmfare Middle East awards, grabbed a lot of eyeballs for her stunning red carpet appearance. But that stunning shimmery ensemble was not what got trolls talking.

Social media was abuzz with many fans and trolls putting the actress' pout-perfect pics under the scanner. A Reddit user was among the first to point out some differences in the actress' appearance. Trolls then took to the comments to compare the actress with Ayesha Takia and even Khloe Kardashian, claiming that she has gone under the knife.

— ETimes

CAUSE HE CAN

Ayushmann Khurrana joins David Beckham for child rights awareness

Ayushmann Khurrana has joined hands with global icons like David Beckham, Robert Lewandowski, Sergio Ramos, Andriy Shevchenko and Cafu to raise awareness about child rights across the world.

"We must all make sure that discrimination based on gender becomes a thing of the past and that every girl is treated with the same value and worth by her family and community as any boy. We can begin by disrupting gender stereotypes in our own lives. Small changes add up over time to make things better," he said.

"We must ensure that we look at boys and girls in the same light and provide equal access to everything for the girls. Today, our girls are making our country proud in every field, they are shattering glass ceilings. So, let's provide them with everything that they need to excel and in turn, change the narrative."

He added futher: "The prevalence of violence against children is widely recognised. We need to raise awareness about this problem by bringing the issue of violence against children into the open."

"As the face of UNICEF's global campaign, EVAC - ending violence against children - I have been working for the past two years to raise awareness on child rights. It is amazing to see these huge global icons join this initiative to bring to light how gender discrimination must be put an end to have a better society across countries," he concluded.

On the work front, Ayushmann has impressed everyone with his action avatar in the trailer of his upcoming thriller 'An Action Hero'. It releases on December 2.

—IANS

"We must ensure that we look at boys and girls in the same light provide equal access to girls"

Glam girl

The cast of Suniel Shetty and Anurag Kashyap's File No 323 continues to swell to include some pretty interesting names. Latest news from the casting world is that director Karthik K's team has roped in Mugdha Godse to play an important role in the film.

A source from the production revealed, "Mugdha will be seen in a very glamorous role, wearing top line western outfits and she plays the pivotal role of a secretary to Anurag Kashyap's millionaire character. She manages his business relationships." Mugdha had played the role of a model in Madhur Bhandarkar's Fashion many years ago and sources reveal this role is going to be just as glamorous. File No 323 is going to be directed by debutant Karthik K and is being Produced by Cinema Ent.

The source also revealed that she will start shooting for File No 323 from Wednesday and her prep for the role has already been done.

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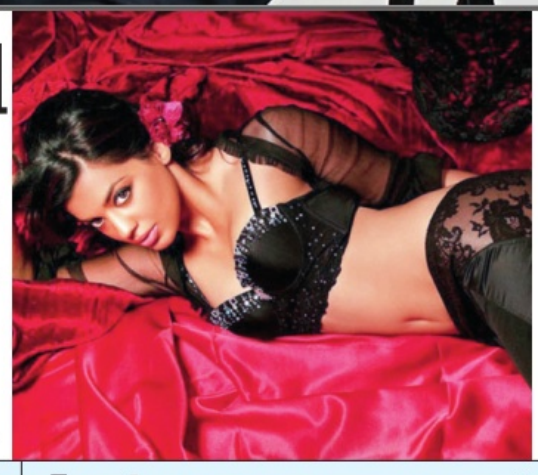

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Man in khaki

Director Rajasekhar is all set present Pramod Shetty in a different avatar in the movie Shabash Baddi Magane. Pramod is known for playing the role of police officers in Kannada movies. In Shabash Baddi Magane too he plays a cop, but the role is different, we are told. Priya is paired opposite Shetty.

"The movie begins with Pramod being transferred to Chikkamagaluru. During the first half of the movie, he looks careless and unfit to be a police officer. But post-intermission, we see how an irresponsible police officer succeeds in nabbing the accused in a case," said Rajasekhar.

He said the script of the film is based on a real life incident of 1980 in Chikkamagaluru Rural Police Station limits. "It is the story of the then Police Inspector SV Hiremath. He too was casual and careless but succeeded in nabbing one accused. Hiremath is no more," he said, adding that around 80% of the shooting of the movie is completed.

He also made it clear that around 20% of the story is fictional. The producer of the film is thinking of putting up sets to shoot two songs. There is a second lead pair in the film, played by Samrat and Kavyashree.

Fam jam

Director Lokesh B, who made his debut in Sandalwood with Teddy Bear, has embarked on making a movie based on family values and relationships. The audio of this movie, Vidhura, was released at Karnataka Chalanachitra Kalavidara Sangha recently. Veteran director-cum-actor S Narayan was the chief guest.

"I have attempted to tell the society about the importance of relationships. The movie emphasises the need to look after elders with affection. The number of movies made on this theme has come down in recent times," said director Lokesh. Director-cum-actor Narayan appreciated Lokesh. "Nowadays, Kannada movies are well received not only in Karnataka but also across the country and some movies are being screened abroad. I wish good luck to the cast and crew of Vidhura," said Narayan.

According to Lokesh, the shooting of Vidhura was held in Bengaluru, Mangaluru and Madikeri. "Bhargav plays the lead role. It is his seventh movie while Chaitra, known for roles in Kannada tele serials, is the leading lady," Lokesh said.